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A Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Filing Date Granted) was issued in the above-identified application on September 24, 1999 (copy enclosed). The Notice indicated that the Declarations were unsigned. Review of the application file indicates, however, that the Declarations (a copy from a prior application) were indeed signed. Copies of the Declaration papers are enclosed herewith.

On October 8, 1999, Mrs. Stokes of the Initial Patent Examination Division confirmed that the Notice was sent in error and that the Declarations were present and accurate and further that a Withdraw Notice would be mailed and that no action is required from us.

We also have confirmation from the receptionist in Art Unit 3700 that the above-identified application is indicated to have been complete as of October 29, 1999.

Although there is no record that a Withdraw Notice has been issued to formally withdraw the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, it is believed that no further action is required to complete the application file. Please contact the undersigned if anything more is needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**  
**Filing Date Granted**

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the **SURCHARGE** set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a

☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 130.00

☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☐ missing
- ☒ insufficient

Applicant must submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☐ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ total claims over 20.  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ independent claims over 3.  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unsigned.
- ☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☒ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

☐ 9. OTHER:

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

**A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.**

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